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Snow this afternoon; partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday; not much change in temperature; fresh west winds.

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BURNS TO DEATH BEFORE LOVER

Woman Pours Oil on Clothing, Sets it Ablaze and Sings Song

HE HAD SPURNED HER

While a Human Torch, She Attempts to Hug Man as Flames Eat Her Flesh, But He Flees.

Philadelphia, Dec. 13.—Spurned by the man she loved and eager to sacrifice her life to prove her affection for him, Reba Smith, 23 years old, of no. 1806 Naudain street, last night poured a large quantity of kerosene over her head and body, applied a match, began chanting a love song, and rushed into the room in her home where her lover sat, a living torch. Continuing her song and apparently unaffected by the flames which enveloped her entire body, the girl made an effort to embrace the man with whom she had quarreled only a moment before. He, however, terrified by the scene, ran screaming from the house and into the home of a neighbor, where he gasped what had occurred and then fell fainting to the floor.

The song of the woman soon became a shriek and she attempted to run from the house in an attempt to follow her lover. By this time, however, the flames had consumed her clothing and had inflicted terrible burns on her entire body. In the doorway of the Naudain street house she swayed from side to side and, while a score of persons stood panic-stricken on the pavement, dropped in a smoldering heap to the doorstep.

It was into the home of John Brown No. 1808 Naudain street, that the lover, who is Willis Cannon, 32 years old, of No. 1545 Lombard street, fled when he beheld his crazed sweetheart in flames, and Brown and Charles Waters, of No. 710 South Fifteenth street who was passing by, finally ran to the side of the dying woman and succeeded in beating out what was left of the smoldering flames. They then carried her to the Polyclinic Hospital, which is less than 50 feet distant, but there the physicians declared the woman was beyond all medical aid. She died while they tore the charred garments from her tortured body.

District Detective Sheller, of the Nineteenth district, arrested Cannon as soon as he was revived. In a dazed condition he was led to the station house, where in incoherent sentences he told his story.

Cannon declared he and the Smith woman had been sweethearts and that several months ago he was called from the city. He did not have time to bid her good-by, he declared, and while away neglected to write to her. Yesterday he returned and went to the Naudain street house, intending to claim her as his bride.

The woman met him with the accusation that he had been unfaithful and was betrothed to another he told Detective Sheller. This he denied, he said, and, angered by the false charges, he claimed he told the jealous woman he would leave the house and never return.

"If you do, I will sacrifice my life by burning myself to death, to show I love you," the woman said, according to Cannon.

"I thought she was fooling and told her to 'go ahead," the man continued.

Cannon said he walked from the room and was almost paralyzed an instant later when she rushed into the room, where he sat smoking, burning from head to foot.

"I heard her sing a moment before she ran into the room, and she was singing when she ran toward me. I thought she was a ghost," Cannon said.

Although the police believe Cannon's story, he was arrested as a material witness and will be detained pending an investigation.

Oysters in all styles at the Rammel cafe.

EPISCOPALS TO PARTICIPATE

New York Rectors Approve Action to Attend Panama Congress

New York, Dec. 13—Rectors of 24 of the largest Protestant Episcopal churches in the city announced from their pulpits yesterday morning their approval of the determination of th Episcopal Board of Missions to participate with the representatives of the large Protestant bodies in the forthcoming Panama Congress. This participation has been the subject of much discussion and some dissension in the Episcopal Church. The rectors united in a plea for the abandonment of sectarian prejudices as an obstacle to ultimate Christian unity.

The clergymen, who refrained from individual expressions of opinion, joined in distributing among their parishioners copies of a pamphlet signed by them, in which they quoted and approved a statement dealing with the situation, recently published by Bishop Samuel Cook Edsall, of Minnesota.

The clergimen declared they regarded their action as a step in the direction of practical church unity, as well as an answer to recent criticism of the action of the Board of Missions, on the ground that it was illegal and tended to estrange the Roman and Greek Catholic churches from the Episcopal.

HIS THREE SONS KILLED.

French General's Youngest Was Cadet When War Broke Out.

Paris, Dec. 13.—Gen. de Castelnau has given a third son to his country. Sub-lieutenant Hughes de Castelnau was killed the other day in Artois. There was just time before he died to pin the Legion of Honor on his tunic. He was a cadet in the Military School, when the war broke out and was just over 20. Two elder brothers were killed at the beginning of the war. The general has two more sons at the front and a sixth at school.

A moving anecdote is recalled of the death of the first son. The Marquis de Curieres de Castelnau went to mass at a country church and the priest came up to her and took both hands, without saying a word. The marquis looked at him, She understood and merely said: "Which is it?"

VIRGINIA BRIEFS.

At 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon the residence of Miss Henrietta Peyton near Front Royal was destroyed by fire, and as soon as it had subsided a search was made and her charred remains were found in the ruins. She was an aged and eccentric woman, who lived alone on her farm, about three miles east of Washington. Her nearest relative is Miss Bessie Peyton, her niece, of Front Royal.

Z. E. Mays, of Amherst county, was on Saturday awarded $7,500 damages in the United States District Court in Richmond, for the dislocation of his right shoulder, sustained in an accident on the Southern Railway while he was in the employ of the company as foreman of a wrecking crew. The smash-up occurred at Brown Summit, North Carolina, in the spring of 1914, and suit was instituted against the company under the employers' liability act, the plaintiff setting up the claim that the accident was due to the negligence of the conductor in charge of the train. He brought suit for damages in the sum of $50,000.

Nine privates of Company B. Richmond Grays, will be tried in Richmond today on charges of insubordination, preferred by their commanding officer, Captain Stack. They are accused of complainfng against quarters furnished them and other provisions made, and are said to have refused to occupy the quarters. They were arrested by other soldiers on Saturday night, and spent the night in a guardhouse.

As he was on his way from St. Vincent's hospital, Norfolk, to Lambert's Point, presumably to board the ship of which he was a member of the crew, Fred Gates, a seaman off the British steamship Fern Moore, was run over by a train of cars in the Norfolk and Western Railway yards at Lambert's Point early Saturday night and killed. His head was completely severed from his body.

ALLIES IN FLIGHT TOWARD SALONIKI

Retreat From Serbia Declared Rout By Teuton Reports

BRITISH LOSE 1500 MEN

With Reinforcements Arriving British and French Will Make Stand on Greek Territory.

London, Dec. 13—The Anglo-French troops, who last week began their retirement from their advanced positions in southern Servia, are now approaching, if they have not crossed, the Greek frontier, and the attitude Greece will adopt becomes more and more important. Dispatches from Athens and news available in London indicate that the matter, which was left to the Greek and allied military authorities at Saloniki, is being amicably arranged and that the allies will be allowed to retire to that city without any interruption on the part of the Greeks, and will be permitted to remain there.

Questions which are seriously occupying the Greek Government have to do with the use of the railways, which are needed for the Greek troops, and the damage that might be done to them with the object of impending Bulgarian pursuit, should the Sofia Government decide that the British and French are to be followed into Greek territory. The Greek Government has good evidence of the effective manner in which the French engineers destroy railways in the work done along the line north of the Greek frontier. So well was this accomplished that the Bulgarians were greatly delayed, having to use roads covered with snow, with the result that the French escaped almost unscathed

The British who had advanced further from the railway to the northeast of Lake Doiran had a much more difficult feat to accomplish when retirement was decided on, and sufflered more heavily. They were faced by greatly superior forces, and their successful withdrawal to a position extending from Lake Doiran to the Vardar Valley was largely due to the gallantry of three Irish regiments, the Muensler Fusiliers, the Dublin Fusiliers, and the Connaught Rangers.

The British casualties are estimated at 1500, while they were forced to leave behind eight field guns which had been placed in position to cover the retirement, and could not be removed.

What the next move will be is known only to the allied staffs, but it is generally believed that the Anglo French forces will fall back to Saloniki, where reinforcements are arriving and which will be fortified. There also are reports that the allies have landed a division at Kavala 90 miles along the coast from Saloniki and near the Bulgarian frontier, but there is no confirmation of this. If it is true, the object doubtless is to secure the railway and prevent the Bulgarians from sending troops westward into Greece.

The Austro-Hungarians continue their attacks on the Servians in the Albanian mountains and on the Montenegrins in their hills, but apparently their advance is much slower than it was in Servia, the positions being easier to defend.

Casualties aggregating 1500 and the loss of eight field guns, which they were unable to remove from emplacements, are told of in an official communication issued this evening, dealing with the retreat of the British Tenth Division from Lake Dorian, Servia, in conjunction with the Fren French.

The remains of Mrs. Louise Young Kean, who died last week at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., reached Charlottesville yesterday afternoon and were taken at once to Monticello for interment. Mrs. Kean was the wife of Major Jefferson Randolph Kean, formerly of Lynchburg. Major Kean's father, R. G. H. Kean, was a distinguished member of the Lynchburg bar.

LOCAL BREVITIES

Capt. Joseph F. Gibson, generally known as Capt. "Polly" Gibson, one of the best known upper Potomac rivermen, died suddenly yesterday at his home on Chapowamsic Creek.

The Alexandria Light Infantry wants detailed bills of all amounts due by them delivered to Capt. Wm. M. King, at 301 Cameron street on Tuesday December 14th, as arrangements are pending which will enable the company to pay its debts.

The fire department was called out at 2 o'clock yesterday, morning by a fire which destroyed the store of Fairfax Jackson on Fairfax street extended. The house was practically guttered.

William Eichhorn, 29, a resident of Washington, fell from a Washington Virginia Railway tram at 11 o'clock Saturday night near the corner of Columbus and Cameron street and was cut about the head. He was taken to thhe Alexandria Hospital where his wounds were treated by Dr. W. M. Smith.

Alexandria Lodge, 758, B. P. O. Elks will meet tonight when arrangements will be completed for the Christmas celebration by the lodge. Following their usual custom several hundred baskets will be distributed among the poor of the city on Christmas eve.

The circuit court of Alexandria county convened this morning with Judge J. B. T. Thornton presiding. Several criminal cases have been set for trial.

LIPSCOMB IN COUNTY

Examiner of Records of the Sixteenth District Finishes Work in Alexandria

W. N. Lipscomb, examiner of records of the Sixteenth Judicial District of Virginia, having completed his work of unearthing property not reported for taxation in Alexandria City, has turned his attention to Alexandria county and as a result of his work at the court-house has discovered that about $40,000 in back taxes is due the county. Bills for this sum have been made out by County Treasurer Wade Ball and are being presented to those who have failed to declare all of their property for assessment.

The largest amount claimed by the state is $25,000 from the estate of the late General S. S. Burdette, who founded the co-operative town of Glen Carlyn and lived there many years. Others are G. Hunt, near Ballston, Charles Rauscher ,the Hydraulic Press Brick Co., the West Brick Co., Admiral Weaver and Dr. Taber Johnson.

OVER HUNDRED KILLED.

Suspect That Germans May Have Caused Explosion at Munition Plant.

Paris, Dec. 13.—One hundred and ten persons are reported to have been killed in Saturday's explosion in the Belgian munition factory at Havre, says a dispatch from that city to the Temps today.

"The exact cause of the explosion has not yet been determined," says the newspaper. "The investigation conducted has developed that one of the buildings contained boxes of ammunition which came from the United States some time ago. It was discovered that in one of these boxes was an apparatus designed to cause deflagration. The box of explosives was rendered harmless and the laboratory examination which followed disclosed interesting facts. All the other cases are being carefully inspected.

"While the workmen are known to be exceedingly careful, it is recognized that in the handling of explosives imprudence always is pos ble, and it may be that the explosion was due to no other cause than this. It is also pointed out that a German prisoners' camp is located not far from the factories, and that nine months ago yesterday the Desmarais Oil Company's plant, also near the prisoners' camp was burned.

STEAMED OYSTERS AT JACOB BRILL'S, FOOT OF KING STREET.

SUFFRAGISTS ASK FOR PEACE

Oppose Preparedness and Say That War Fails of Objects

SEVERAL MAKE TALKS

Miss Jean Gordon Says Male Legislators Protect Shrimp Better Than Children.

Richmond, Dec. 13.— Appeals for peace, argument against preparation for war as a preventive against war, and a general plea that women, who have borne their share in all human effort and who have contributed much towards the general welfare, be enfranchised featured the session yesterday afternoon of the Southern States Woman Suffrage Conference.

Miss Laura Clay, of Kentucky, spoke in behalf of a general peace movement, and said that war fails of all the objects claimed for it, and that it is not even a preventive of further disturbance.

"In upbuilding armaments," she said, "every European nation vied with each other in that dread preparation, and, instead of preparation acting as a preventive against war, it urged the several powers on, and today we are witnessing the greatest, bloodiest and most sacrificial conflict in human history."

Miss Jean M. Gordon, of Louisiana, who has appeared before the Legislature of that State in behalf of industrial reform, made a special appeal for child labor laws and for improvement in all industrial conditions. She told of how Louisana had cared for and protected its oysters and its shrimp, while when women appeared before the State governing body to ask that laws be enacted for the protection of children they were asked to wait for a few years.

"The State," Miss Gordon said, "threw all its protection around the oyster and shrimp because it meant money for the State, but when we asked that it afford protection for the children, they told us to wait—to wait when human life was involved, and when women and children were bearing burdens that should not have been thrust upon their shoulders."

Miss Clay, who twice addressed herself to the audience, asked for a Federal enactment which would give women the privilege of voting for Congressmen and Senators. This, she said, would not interfere with States' rights, and it would help the purpose. Discussing the issue brought about by a foreign element, she said that the greatest danger to the nation comes from the hyphenated American.

"The man," she said, "comes in as a subject and becomes a citizen of the greatest and noblest country in the world. But the woman comes in as a subject and remains a subject. There is nothing to draw upon her love in this sex aristocracy. She has nothing to hope for here, and her sympathy naturaly remains with the land of her birth. Give them the same privileges that you give to man, and there will never be even an excuse for such treachery as we have seen and known."

In making her appeal for general peace, Miss Clay said, "War fails of all the objects claimed for it. It has been proved that it is not even a preventive of further disturbance. In upbuilding armaments every nation in Europe vied with every other, and instead of preventing war those vast armies brought it about and made this tremendous conflict possible. It is fortunate for us that we are saved from the calamity by the stretch of sea which lies between us and Europe and by the Monroe Doctrine." She said that arbitration had been found effective, and that the efforts made at The Hague had accomplished good. She cited the Atlantic fisheries controversy, between this country and Great Britain, as an example of the power of arbitration.

Miss Gordon spoke of her effort to effect industrial reform in Lousiana. She said that she wanted to see the State protect its children as it protects its oysters and its shrimp, for she believed that child life is of more value than a fat and juicy oyster.

"I became a suffragist," she went on, "when I found out how hard it was for women to get anything at the hands of the Legislature." She refuted the argument that women should be kept from the open field of effort and that she should remain always at her fireside.

"The woman staying at home," she said, "is losing interest. Her life is bound up in whist parties and pink teas. Those who work out of their homes are simply following what they would have done had they remained at home." She said that investigation showed that it was not true that girls went to work merely to get a little pocket money; that 80 per cent of them earn only between $2.50 and $5 a week.

Mrs. Ida Husted Harper, historian-general of the National Woman Suffrage Association, addressed herself to the subject of equal rights.

The convention of the Southern States Suffrage Association came to a close with a business meeting at the Jefferson Auditorium this morning. The report of the nomination committee, election of officers, adoption of resolutions and unfinished business will be the features of the program.

25,000 PRISONERS SET FREE

Austro-Hungarians Released in Teutonic Drive in Serbia.

Berlin, Dec. 13.—Twenty-five thousand Austro-Hungarians who had been made prisoners by the Serbians were set free by the Teutonic forces during their drive through Serbia. Many others died during epidemics and the fate of others still is unknown.

"Serious fears are entertained regarding missing prisoners," says the news agency, "since Bulgarian officers have alleged that Austro-Hungarian prisoners were mercilessly treated by the Serbians during the campaign, the Serbians leaving them without food, and even killing prisoners in several instances. It has not been learned, however, whether the offences alleged were committed by irregulars or by roving bands.

The Teutonic armies have reached the Albanian frontier along nearly the entire front and a large section of Montenegrin territory has been occupied. Since the final battles at Plevije and Ipek there have been only minor engagements with the retreating enemy, in which the Serbians and Montenegrins have shown decreased resisting power."

SNOW IN VIRGINIA

Real Winter Makes Its Appearance and Southwest Reports Bitter Cold.

Danville, Va. Dec. 13.—A heavy snowstorm, which set in early Saturday afternoon, and throughout the evening hours increased in violence, had covered the city with five inches of snow at 10 o'clock at night. The snow interfered with the schedules of the street cars, and a biting northwest wind, with snow, swept the retail section of the usual Saturday night throng, and the streets were almost deserted. The snowstorm is general in this section.

Bristol, Va. Dec. 13.—Snowflakes of enormous size fell here Saturday night, and at a late hour the ground was covered to a depth of three inches extending over near-by Southwest Virginia counties.

Lynchburg, Dec. 13.—The first snow of the season was experienced in Lynchburg Saturday night. The pavements of the city are almost impassable on account of ice.

Christiansburg, Dec. 13.—The first real snow of the winter began falling late Saturday afternoon.

WILSON ATTENDS CHURCH

President Goes Motoring with Fiancee and They Discuss Plans for Wedding Ceremony

Washington, Dec. 13—President Wilson, after attending church alone yesterday, went motoring with his fiancee, Mrs. Norman Galt, to discuss plans for the wedding ceremony, which is less than a week away. This evening they dined together at Mrs. Galt's home. Mrs. Galt is wearing a bar pin of diamonds, the gift of the President.

Stephen Taylor Pendleton, a veteran of the war between the states, and, for forty years a teacher, connected with the Richmond schools, died yesterday morning at his home, in his eighty-seventh year.

WILL BE NO FIGHT ON MR. SWANSON

Virginia Junior Senator to Have Clear Road Next Year

GLASS NOT IN FIELD

Organization for First Time in 20 Years Will Be Unchallenged in Statewide Contest.

Washington, Rec. 13.—An unusual and unexpected situation is developing in Virginia politics, which is causing considerable comment in Washington among the Old Dominion leaders.

For the first time in its 20-year control of Virginia politics the supremacy of the Democratic State organization, will go unchallenged in next year's big State-wide political contest, when Senator Swanson comes up for renomination and re-election. Heretofore a faction of the party, under the leadership of Representative Carter Glass, A. J. Montague, W. A. Jones, Attorney-General Pollard and Harry St. George Tucker, have had candidates against the "organization," ticket, especially against the two Senators. Today everything points to the renomination of Senator Swanson without a contest.

Representative Carter Glass, author of the Federal Reserve act, is the man who had been groomed for the race against Senator Swanson. He opposed Senator Swanson, in 1911, and was defeated in the primaries. There is every reason to believe now that Representative Glass will not enter the contest. His health is said to be poor.

Mr. Glass' apparent refusal to enter the race leaves his faction without available timber, unless former Attorney-General William A. Anderson can be prevailed upon to make the contest, Representative Jones' health, is too poor for such a contest, Attorney-General Pollard is a candidate for Governor; Harry St. George Tucker has lost strength through his uncompromising stand against State-wide prohibition, and Representative Montague is satisfied to remain in the House.

Senator Martin is the leader of the organization. He has been elected to the Senate four times and every time had bitter opposition. Senator Swanson, his chief lieutenant, has been opposed every time he ran for a State-wide office and was defeated the first time for Governor, when Representative Montague was nominated.

Senator Swanson has thoroughly organized Virginia for a contest next year for the Senate. He has written 20,000 personal letters, lining up his friends in every county in the State.

Senator Martin is one of the best political organizers the state has ever known. His real strength lies in his readiness to take care of interests of Virginians. In this way he has made countless stanch friends, who will stand by him in any political fight he may make.

Representative Carter Glass, author of the new banking and currency act, is the only member of the Virginia delegation in Congress who is not a college-educated man.

Senator Martin and Swanson, Representatives Jones, Holland, Montague, Watson, Saunders and Flood are graduates of the University of Virginia; Representative Hay is a graduate of Washington and Lee; Representative Slemp of Virginia Military Institute, and Representative Carlin, of the National Law School of Washington.

Mr. Glass received his education at a "printer's case" as a typesetter in his father's newspaper office in Lynchburg.

DEATH NOTICE

DIED—Sunday, December 12th, GEORGIA McCOMAS FRENCH, daughter of George S. French and the late Eliza William Hite French, in the 28th year of her age. Funeral services from 105 north Alfred street, Tuesday, December 14th, at eleven o'clock. Interment private.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Interesting News Notes About People of Alexandria—Happenings In Society.

Mrs. Blanche Burgess, of Richmond Ind., and James William Bryan, of Knoxville, Tenn., were married at 8:30 o'clock Saturday night at the home of Mrs. James E. King, "King Crest," Herbert Springs, Fairfax county, Va. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. S. A. Wallis, of the Episcopal Seminary. The ceremony was witnessed by a large number of friends of the couple from Washington, and also by the bridegroom's father, Judge Bryan. A reception followed the wedding, after which Mr. and Mrs. Bryan left on a special car for a northern bridal trip. Upon their return they will live at Mrs. King's residence for the coming year. Mr. Bryan is engaged in business in Washington.

The Alexandria Assembly has issued invitations for a dance at Elks' Hall, Friday evening, December 17. The members of the Alexandria German Club will be the guests of the assembly at this dance. The Junior Assembly has issued invitations for a dance at Elks' Hall, Wednesday evening, December 29.

Mrs. Mary Harris Armour will deliver an address on "National Prohibition" at 7:30 o'clock tonight, at Trinity M. E. Church. The meeting will be under the auspices of the National W. C. T. U.

Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett will spend the Christmas holidays with her daughter, Mrs. William Rathbone Smith, in Edmonton, Canada. Miss Lila Waller Barrett is en route home from San Francisco, Cal.

A meeting of those interested in the community Christmas tree will be held at 8 o'clock tonight, at the residence of Mrs. Julian T. Burke Prince street.

Mr. and Mrs. Reese Hawkins of Maryland are the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Louis S. Scott, at their home on Braddock Heights.

Mr. C. L. Watkins of West Virginia is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Watkins, on south Columbus street.

OF INTEREST TO TAX PAYERS.

Office of City Treasurer Will be Kept Open Until Nine O'clock To-Night.

Promptly at 9 o'clock tonight the office of City Treasurer Robinson will be closed to all who have not paid their poll taxes in time to take part in the spring primary and the summer municipal election.

Treasurer Robinson has announced that he will keep the office open until the hour given above in order to accommodate those who may be unable to get to the office earlier.

The coming election is an important one. A mayor and one half of the members of each branch of the City Council will be selected. A member of Congress from this district will also be elected, as well as the President of the United States.

Drilling for oil in Henrico county will begin in a few days.

GRAND JURY'S REPORT

Returns True Bills in All Cases Save That of Young Men Charged With Manslaughter

A grand jury of the corporation court, Judge L. C. Barley, presiding convened at 10 o'clock this morning to consider six criminal indictments which were presented by Samuel G. Brent, commonwealth's attorney. They were as follows:

Ben Thompson, charged with entering the residence of Bertha Phillips, on October 3rd, with the object of committing rape.

Henry Beach, George Monroe, William M. Tomlin and Joseph M. Monroe, charged with voluntary manslaughter. Beach is charged with having struck George Craven, on the head with a blunt instrument so as to cause the latter's death, and the three others are charged with aiding and abetting him in the crime. Craven was killed October 3rd. last.

James Lightfoot, colored, charged with breaking and entering the store room of Albert Peszike, on July 19.

William Pye, colored, charged with cutting Henry Evel on August 14.

Sandy Brooks, colored, charged with cutting Lena Brooks, on September 21.

Joseph Brooks, alias John Robinson, charged with attempting to murder, Samuel Reid, on February 19th.

The grand jury is composed of Albert Bryan, foreman; Laurence Stabler, C. Page Waller, Philip M. Bradshaw, Samuel L. Monroe, E. H. Kemper, Lorenzo Wolford, Thomas B. Pullman and Courtney Acton.

At 1:30 this afternoon the grand jury returned true bills in all the above cases except that of the Com. vs. Henry Beach, George and Joseph M. Monroe and William M. Tomlin.

The jury was then discharged.

CLASSES CONFIRMED.

Rt. Rev. D. J. O'Connell, Bishop of Richmond, Conducts Ceremonies.

A class of 120 was confirmed at the 7 o'clock mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church yesterday morning, by Rt Rev. D. J. O'Connell, bishop of the diocese of Richmond. This class was composed of 103 children and seventeen adults.

The bishop preached at the 11 o'clock mass at that church.

Yesterday afternoon a class of twenty-eight was confirmed by the bishop at St. Rita's Church, Mount Ida, Alexandria county. This class was composed of twenty one children and seven adults. A number of people from this city attended the services at St. Rita's in the afternoon.

DEBATE PLANNED.

The Adult Department of Sunday School Association has planned an interesting debate which will be held in the Lecture room of the M. E. Church South, Tuesday evening, December 14, at 8 o'clock. There will be two speakers from the M. E. Church and two from the Second Presbyterian and Baptist Churches. The subject of discussion will be "why it is more important for men than women to go to Sunday school and is it easier for men to come than women."

Among the estimates sent to the House of Representatives last week by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo is one of $1,867,000 for the Cape Henry fortification project.

SNOW ARRIVES AT LAST

Begins to Fall at Early Hour this Morning and Continued Throughout The Day

The Weather Bureau predicted snow for this section during the last three days of last week. The wind took its stand in the northeast, the heavens became overcast and snow or rain seemed imminent. But while the earth was carpeted in white all around us none fell here until after midnight last night. It, however, ceased to snow before noon. The Weather Bureau predicts westerly winds for tomorrow.

Trains arriving from the north and south yesterday bore evidence of having passed through snow storms, and dispatches from different places in Virginia show that the wintry weather has been general. At Norfolk snow fell with a strong northeast wind which kept shipping in Hampton Roads. Storm warnings were ordered on the coast. The steamer Northland from Norfolk reached this port on time this morning.

The appearance of snow at this season is hailed with joy by the young and those blessed with full and plenty, gaze upon it with unconcern. It is a frigid visitor, however, to many others who have but little with which to combat weird winter.

DEATH OF MISS FRENCH.

Deceased Was Daughter of Mr. George S. and the Late Mrs. Eliza W. H. French

Miss Georgia McComas French died yesterday morning at the home of her sister, Mrs. Richard Gibson, 219 south Alfred street, after a long illness. She was a daughter of George S. French and the late Mrs. Eliza William Hite French and was 27 years old. Besides her father she is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Richard Gibson, of this city, and Mrs. Clarence R. Howard, of Fredericksburg, and one brother, D. Milton French, of this city.

The body was removed to the home of her father, 105 north Alfred street, from which place the funeral will take place tomorrow morning, at 11 o'clock. Services will be conducted by the Rev. William J. Morton, rector of Christ Episcopal Church.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Canton Alexandria, No. 1, Patriarchs Millitant, I. O. O. F., have elected the following officers: H. E. Webb, captain; G. T. Gaines, lieutenant; W. Leon Clark, ensign; A. T. Sullivan, clerk; W. E. Latham, accountant. These officers will be installed the first Thursday in January.

The following officers have been elected by Potomac Lodge, No. 38, Odd Fellows: A. T. Sullivan, noble grand; Grafton Trenary, vice-grand; N. L. Williamson, recording secretary; W. E. Latham, financial secretary; George W. Bontz, treasurer.

NOTICE.

The members of Alexandria Council are notified to be present at the stated meeting to be held Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, in Eagles Hall south Royal street. Business, annual election of officers.

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LOUIS KRAFFT'S IMPRESSIONS.

Occasionally our old friend and fellow-townsman, ex-Councilman Louis Krafft, sends us a letter from far away Germany. It is generally a protest against certain dispatches from Europe which are printed in the Gazette. We are not in Germany, and Mr. Krafft is; hence he is in a position to know whereof he speaks. He has perfect confidence in the ultimate success of Germany, and appeals to the alleged superiority of Teuton military organization, as well as achievements of the Kaiser during more than a year. He thinks the allies will eventually make overture for peace.

Mr. Krafft makes one observation which may be taken as the actual truth. He says the common people want a short war. Since he wrote his letter, last November, the common people, as he terms the great mass of the German empire, have given decided weight to their wishes. The riotous procedures in Berlin and other German cities last Thursday show this element desires to bring the conflict to a close at once. According to dispatches, fifty thousand persons engaged in the tumult in front of the imperial palace in the German capital and the crown prince was shown disrespect.

The common people have the heavy and burden to bear at all times. Kings princes and nobles get all the honor while thousands of their subjects sleep the sleep of death in trenches. Of course the latter want brief hostilities.

The common people, regardless of unconcern throughout the world since empires have waxed and waned have ever wanted peace. The plebian of ancient Rome, the vassals who fought for barons, the serfs and the villeins of old England have always been made the breastworks for military glory by those who sniffed the battle from afar through field glasses.

Nearly nineteen hundred years ago the Great Exemplar raised his hand and said "Blessed are ye poor," and at the close of His discourses we are told "The common people heard him gladly."

There would be joy far greater than that incident to Christmas time were the sound to go out tonight that this bloody war was at an end. The inmates of many an humble home in Germany would involuntarily mutter "Thank God!" As it continues the woeful sound of souls under the altar cry, "How long O Lord, will thou not judge and avenge our blood upon them dwell upon the earth!"

STRONG DEMANDS ON VIENNA.

Intimations in Washington dispatches to the effect that our relations with Austria-Hungary have reached a critical stage are fully justified by the publication today of the note presented to the Government at Vienna setting forth our position in regard to the destruction of American lives in the illegal attack upon the Ancona.

The note is short, sharp and to the point and the conduct of the submarine commander who slaughtered defenseless non-combatants, men, women and children, in defiance of international law is condemned without mincing words. Austria-Hungary is informed that out attitude on submarine outrages has been fully set forth in correspondence with Germany; that her ally has acquiesced in that attitude, and that we expect the Government at Vienna to conform to it. Assuming that the Austrian submarine commander violated his instructions in committing so wanton an act, we call upon his government to denounce it as illegal and indefensible; to punish the commander, and to pay suitable indeminty for the injury to American citizens.

Suggested by the Philadelphia Record these are strong demands, but they are coupled with the statement that we require an immediate answer. The President's patience as well as that of the American people, appears to have reached its limit. As there are no representatives of this government now in a position to convey to the Austrian Government an intimation that we do not mean what we say, there is every reason to believe that the fact that the United States is thoroughly in earnest will be understood this time, not only in Vienna, but in Berlin, whence the Austro-Hungarian Government gets advice, if not instructions. The answer of the Vienna Government ought to settle once and for all the status of submarine warfare and of our relations with the Teutonic Powers. What will Berlin tell Vienna to do?

WILSON AS AN IDEALIST.

The Richmond Times-Dispatch in speaking of President Wilson's Columbus speech says:

When the present President of the United States took office, it was the practice of his critics to refer to him—of course, with a sneer—as "the schoolmaster in politics." According to these wise men, he was "an impractical visionary," fond of tilting at windmills and ignoring the solid realities of life. Now they have changed all that. The President, if anything, is too practical.

Colonel Roosevelt rails at him and weighs against him because he would not plunge this country into war when Belgium was invaded. Others think he should have taken Mexico by the scruff of the neck and shaken that land of fever and revolt on into good behavior. Profound altruists of Teutonic descent are amazed that he refuses to heed what they say is the voice of humanity and forbid the manufacture and export of munitions of war, although the law of this nation and of all nations recognize the traffic as legitimate, and modern Germany has received larger profit from it than any other country in the world. Certain suffering gentlemen in the shipping business nearly weep their heads off because he is too practical to anoint their wounds with subsidies of some billions—or billions—a year.

The truth about the President's critics is that they were wrong in their original estimate of his character and are wrong again. He never was a visionary. He has ideals, it is true, but they are those expressed in the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States and the Virginia Bill of Rights. They are not in the least impractical, though the full attainment of some of them may be long deferred. They are rooted in the genius and tradition of America. Woodrow Wilson believes with George Washington that we should keep ourselves aloof, so far as possible, from the jealousies and ambitions of Europe. He has no fondness for a colonial empire hitched on to this republic, nor ambition to add to our present collection of subject peoples.

IN MEMORIAM

At a called meeting of the Vestry of St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, Virginia, held December 6th, 1915, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to take from this world our venerable brother, J. Wallace Hooff, Senior Warden of this Church there-fore,

Resolved, that we deem it a duty to place on record our sense of the loss sustained by St. Paul's Church by the death of one who, for over sixty years, has been a communicant of this Church, and for many years was a faithful teacher in the Sunday School, Vestryman, and Registrar.

Resolved, that we thank our Heavenly Father that for this long period our congregation and the community have enjoyed the example of a man whose walk in life was so consistent that no word of reproach could ever be uttered against him—an Israelite, indeed, in whom was no guile.

Resolved, that we offer the family of the deceased our sincere sympathy, feeling ourselves afflicted with them in their bereavement; that we will strive to follow in the foot steps of our departed brother, as we shall ever treasure the memory of his virtues.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions, certified by the Rector, be sent to the family of the deceased, and that copies be furnished the Southern Churchman and Alexandria Gazette for publication, and that these proceedings be recorded in our minutes.

P. P. PHILLIPS, Rector.
R. F. KNOX, Registrar.

BOY SCOUTS' CHRISTMAS

Will Distribute Baskets to Poor and Toys to Children

The Boy Scouts of Alexandria will have a Santa Claus this year who will distribute baskets of provisions and clothing to the needy of Alexandria and candy and toys to poor children. They have opened headquarters at the Westminister Building which will be open tomorrow evening from 7 to 10 o'clock to receive any donations which the people of Alexandria wish to send to help them in their good work.

U. S. NOTE TO AUSTRIA.

Alleged Ancona Was Sunk Before Passengers Was Given Time to Escape

The Secretary of State to Ambassador Penfield:

Please deliver a note to the minister of foreign affairs, textually as follows:

Relinble information obtained from American and other survivors who were passengers on the steamship Ancona shows that on November 7 a submarine flying the Austro-Hungarian flag fired a solid shot toward the steamship; that thereupon the Ancona attempted to escape, but being overhauled by the submarine she stopped; that after a brief period, and before the crew and passengers were all able to take to the boats, the submarine fired a number of shells at the vessel and finally torpedoed and sank her while there were yet many persons on board, and that by gunfire and foundering of the vessel a large number of persons lost their lives or were seriously injured, among whom were citizens of the United States.

The public statement of the Austro-Hungarian admiralty has been brought to the attention of the government of the United States and received careful consideration. This statement substantially confirms the principal declaration of the survivors, as it admits that the Ancona after being shelled was torpedoed and sunk while persons were still on board.

The Austro-Hungarian government has been advised, through the correspondence which has passed between the United States and Germany, of the attitude of the government of the United States as to the use of submarines in attacking vessels of commerce, and the acquiescence of Germany in that attitude; yet with full knowledge on the part of the Austro-Hungarian government of the views of the government of the United States, as expressed in no uncertain terms to the ally of Austria-Hungary, the commander of the submarine which attacked the Ancona failed to put in a place of safety the crew and passengers of the vessel which they purposed to destroy because, it is presumed, of the impossibility of taking it into port as a prize of war.

The government of the United States considers that the commander violated the principles of international law and of humanity by shelling and torpedoing the Ancona before the persons on board had been put in a place of safety, or even given sufficient time to leave the vessel. The conduct of the commander can only be characterized as wanton slaughter of defenseless noncombatants, since at the time when the vessel was shelled and torpedoed she was not, it appears, resisting or attempting to escape and no other reason is sufficient to excuse such an attack, not even the possibility of rescue.

The government of the United States is forced, therefore, to conclude either that the commander of the submarine acted in violation of his instructions or that the imperial and royal government failed to issue instructions to the commanders of its submarines in accordance with the law of nations and the principles of humanity. The government of the United States is unwilling to believe the latter alternative and to credit the Austro-Hungarian government an intention to permit its submarines to destroy the lives of helpless men, women, and children. It prefers to believe that the commander of the submarine committed this outrage without authority and contrary to the general or special instructions which he had received.

As the good relations of the two countries must rest upon a common regard for law and humanity, the government of the United States cannot be expected to do otherwise than to demand that the imperial and royal government denounce the sinking of the Ancona as an illegal and indefesible act, that the officer who perpetrated the deed be punished and that reparation by the payment of an indemnity be made for the citizens of the United States who were killed or injured by the attack on the vessel.

The government of the United States expects that the Austro-Hungarian government, appreciating the gravity of the case, will accede to its demand promptly, and it rests this expectation on the belief that the Austro-Hungarian government will not sanction or defend an act which is condemned by the world as inhumane and barbarous, which is abhorrent to all civilized nations, and which has caused the death of innocent American citizens.

LANSING.

Steamed oysters at JACOB BRILL'S out of King street.

NEWS OF THE DAY

Leopold de Rothschild celebrated his 70th birthday in London yesterday. He insists that the prophecy of Beaconsfield holds true, and that British money will win the present war. Rothschild has three sons in the British army.

Greece will not demobilize, but will withdraw all her troops from Saloniki except one division. The embargo on Greek shipping has not yet been raised, and all Greek grain shipments continue to be held back in the entente allies' ports.

A dispatch given out by the Chinese Legation in Washington last night seems to cast doubt on the report that Yuan Shih-kai, who has been President of the Chinese Republic since its foundation in 1913, has consented to accept the imperial crown.

A man and boy (John Roache, aged 70, and Clinton A. Derrenberger, aged 5 years) were killed in Baltimore yesterday by automobiles. In both instances the deaths were declared by witnesses to have been accidental, neither of the cars having been going fast.

Forty thousand dollars was raised in twenty-five minutes yesterday afternoon at the Belasco Theater, Washington. It will be used by the suffragists of the Congressional Union to put the Susan B. Anthony amendment through Congress. Pledges and cash fairly streamed to the platform.

Ernest Goerlitz, 52 years of age for many years practically general manager of the Metropolitan Grand Opera Company, in New York committed suicide Saturday in a hotel in Los Angeles. He had first taken cyanide and then shot himself in the head.

A cablegram received from Honolulu sets at rest the rumors that Lieut. Col. Bromwell, stationed there had been murdered by a Japanese spy. "Absolutely no foundation for the charge that Bromwell was murdered," says the cablegram. "Authorities are satisfied it was a case of suicide."

Miss Ella Beach, 22 years old, was found nearly nude in the woods near Westport, Baltimore county, at 5:30 o'clock yesterday morning with her head battered, her eyes closed and swollen from heavy blows, and her body scratched and torn by bushes through which she had been dragged for a quarter of a mile.

Most of the members of the Republican National Committee have reached Washington for their meeting tomorrow to decide upon the time and place for holding the 1916 convention of the Republican party. Five cities want the convention—Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis, San Francisco and Honolulu.

Dr. Edward Ryan, the famous American surgeon, who since the war has been in charge of the Serbian Hospital in Belgrade, is wounded and a prisoner of the Germans. Dr. Sharp said that when the Germans took Belgrade they hauled down the American flag over the Serbian Hospital and raised the German colors, remarking, "We don't want the American flag in Belgrade."

Germany has officially repudiated Franz Rintelen, the German citizen now under arrest in London, who was charged with having financed the pro-German plots and conspiracies in this country. The repudiation was made in the form of an official statement given out at the German Embassy in Washington last night by Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador acting on direct instructions from Berlin.

William Jennings Bryan, former secretary of state, in an order signed by Supreme Court Justice Whitaker in New York, was declared in default for failure to answer a summons to appear as a witness in the suit for alleged libel brought by Petros T Tatanis against D. J. Vlasto and S J. Vlasto. The court also issued an order requiring Mr. Bryan to show cause why he should not be adjudged in contempt of court. This was made returnable December 23.

In the defile of Demir Kapu, during the Anglo-French retirements, the Bulgarians suffered a crushing defeat. By strategy the enemy was made to believe that the French were in retreat through the defile. They attempted to pursue the French and when the troops were well in the defile two French regiments, with a battery of machine guns cleverly hidden, suddenly opened a murderous fire. The Eleventh Bulgarian regiment was exterminated and the remainder of the Bulgarian force broke and fled, panic stricken.

VIRGINIA NEWS

Accompanied by snow at Norfolk and along the Atlantic coast, a northeast storm, has been raging since Saturday night. Reports from sea indicate that the weather is clearing and the wind is shifting to westward.

The body of Cadet Thurber Sweet, who died Friday night as the result of spinal paralysis at Lexington, has been sent to the home of the boy's parents in Chicago. It was said that his death was caused by hazing, but this is denied.

Charged with permitting visitors to the fort to take photographs of the battery over which he stood guard and accepting pay for the privilege, Private Anderson, a member of the Sixty Ninth Company, Coast Artillery Corps, stationed at Fort Monroe, is in the guardhouse at that institution.

Mrs. Grace Hank Pattillo, wife of Dr. Nathan A. Pattillo, dean of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, committed suicide in her home on the college campus Saturday afternoon by drinking carbolic acid. She had for a long time been suffering with melancholia, which followed a surgical operation.

Messages received in Winchester from Rock Enon Springs, in the western section of Frederick county, state that disastrous forest fires that have been raging for several days in the Big North Mountain, in Frederick county and also in Hampshire county, W. Va., have been finally gotten under control.

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LETTER FROM LOUIS KRAFFT
(Communicated.)

Hilgardstrasse, Kaiseralaunters, Paris, November 16, 1915—Permit me to appeal to your sense of fairness by publishing the following answer to your editorial remarks of September 27th, which contain so many misleading statements and give an entirely erroneous impression of conditions existing in the German empire at the present time. I am inclined to believe that the wish has been the father of your thoughts, and I hope that by this time you will have detected that your gloomy view of German conditions is not justified by facts. In the first place it was never expected by any of the leaders of German military affairs that this war would be of short duration, knowing Germany had nearly the whole world fight. It was therefore evident at the start that this war would not possibly be a short one, and Germany was prepared for this emergency. The common people, of course, hoped the war would soon come to an end, but as early as September, 1914, I heard one of the most popular German generals predict that it would take about two years to decide this war in favor of Germany, and it has become more apparent from day to day that his prediction was a correct one.

The decided smashes by the allies (all lies)on the western front of which you speak have never materialized, and I suppose by this time you are ready to admit it; neither has the advance of the imperial armies in the east been halted. On the contrary, the advance and the success of those armies have been so remarkable that the Russian army in the east is crippled to such an extent that for several years to come it will not count as a fighting factor. I suppose by this time you are also conscious of this fact.

The economic as well as the financial situation in Germany is most excellent, and certainly better than the financial and economic situation of all her enemies combined. She gets all the money she needs for the successful prosecution of this war from her own people at 5 per cent. and is not compelled to go begging for money in the United States at 7 per cent. and then only get one half of the amount asked for, like England. I suppose by this time you are also aware of this fact. The three war loans in which the government asked for 20,000,000 marks were complete successes. The money was given very cheerfully in full, and I doubt very much whether the German paper you quote said anything to the contrary, but I am convinced that this in one of the notorious English lies. Germany will not be forced to issue paper money that cannot be maintained at par with gold, which even the United States had to do in the war of the rebellion.

That Germany is making efforts to raise new armies in consequence of her fearful losses and that the classes of 1917, 1918, and 1919 are being called on is not true. On the contrary, the classes of 1916 men remain at home yet, and there are several millions of well-drilled and equipped troops stationed at different fortifications which have never been in the field yet.

The prices of foodstuffs are by far not as high as you state, and notwithstanding there has been a considerable advance in the prices of foodstuffs that Germany has to import, living, on the whole, is today not any higher than it is in the United States. For instance potatoes are selling at 75 cents for 100 pounds, German weight, which is 10 per cent. more than English weight; turnips at 60 cents per 100 pounds, carrots for $1. Country butter sells at 40 cents and beef at 25 cents a pound. The only meat this is high is pork, which sells at 37 cents, and lard at 40 cents. But even pork has a downward tendency as on account of the ample supply of cheap potatoes, a great many hogs are being raised and fattened. Bread sells at 4 cents a pound, and since navigation on the Danube has been opened enormous quatities of corn, rye and wheat are coming in, as well as petroleum and other products. There is no danger of a famine; nobody walks barefooted in winter time, and Germany is in a position besides to feed and clothe her two millions of prisoners of war without any trouble.

The fact that the all-mighty commander-in-chief of the Russian armies has been relegated to an inferior post in the Caucausas is conclusive proof that the masterly retreat of the armies under his command is all bosh, and that army today is no more able to cope with the victorious German troops than General R. E. Lee was at the surrender at Appomattox.

The Servian army is almost crushed by combined German, Austrian and Bulgarian forces, and the proceedings in the English Parliament in the last few days prove that the time is not far distant when the allies with be compelled to acknowledge the superiority of German organization and will ask for peace. The achievements of the German armies so far, are unparelled in the world's history, and every one here is perfectly confident of the final success of the German arms.

LOUIS KRAFFT.

SHOOTS ONE OF JOY RIDERS.

Night Policeman's Bullet Lodges In Woman's Neck.

Towanda, Pa., Dec. 13.—Clayton Bird, a liveryman from Dushore, while speeding through Towanda, with five young ladies early yesterday morning, refused to stop his car when commanded to do so by Night Officer Wiggins, and the officer fired three shots in an effort to puncture the tires of Bird's machine.

One of the bullets struck a stone in the road and deflecting struck Miss Gertrude Cunningham, of Dushore, who was riding in the machine driven by Bird. The bullet lodged in the back of her neck.

Bird is charged with exceeding the speed limit.

The officer, riding on the step of a car driven by Dr. Schwartz, pursued Bird a mile before the shots were fired.

FLASH TAKES LIFE ON BAY

Gasoline Stove Explodes on Launch, Hurling Owner Overboard.

Wilmington, Del. Dec. 13.—Howard Price Armstrong, aged 34, was blown overboard and drowned, and his father Howard O. Armstrong, aged 60, was seriously burned by an explosion of gasoline on the motorboat Signet, owned by the son, in the middle of Delaware Bay about eight miles north of Woodland Beach, late Saturday night. The dead man was superintendent of the Harris Marine Engine Company, of this city.

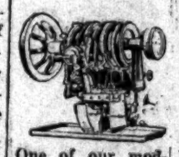
GERMANS IN PERSIA.

They Are Trying to Divert the Russians to Allow the Turks to Save Bagdad.

Petrograd, Dec. 13.—The Germans in Persia are seeking to divert the attention of the Russian army of the Caucasus, according to the Russy Invalid and cause it to scatter its forces over a large front in order to allow the Turks to throw a part of their troops into the Mesopotamian campaign to save Bagdad.

Thd Retch expresses the belief that the plan of the Germans to force the Dvina River while it is frozen over, is not practicable, as the winter is extremely rigorous with heavy snow which hampers the movement of motor vehicles and prevents the transport of sufficient munitions.

Colonel Robert White, chairman of the executive committee that had charge of the foundation of the Confederate Memorial Institution, and well-known in Richmond Confederate circles, died shortly after the noon hour yesterday at his home in Pleasant Valley, a suburb of Wheeling, W. Va. Colonel White was born in Romney, then in Virginia, but now in West Virginia, on February 7, 1833.



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ALEXANDRIA NATIONAL BANK
ALEXANDRIA, VA., December 11, 1915.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at its banking house on Tuesday, the 11th day of January 1916, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 2 p. m., for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.
J. L. PERRY, Cashier

THE FIRST NATIOIAL BANK of Alexandria, Va., December 10th, 1915
The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at the banking house on January 11th, 1916, at 11 a. m. for the election of Directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting
GEO. E. WARFIELD,
Cashier.

THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK, of Alexandria, Va. December 11, 1915.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at its banking house on TUESDAY, the 11th day of JANUARY, 1916, between the hours of 12 noon and 1 p. m. for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.
RICHARD M. GREEN, Cashier.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Capitol Park Hotel Co., incorporated, will be held on the 13th day of December 1915, at 1 o'clock P. M., at the principal office of the company, in the state of Virginia, 119 South Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Va. for the purpose of electing a board of directors and receiving and acting upon the reports of the officers, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
Dated the 4th day of November 1915.
EDWARD L. HILLYER
Secretary

NOTICE.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of The Potomac Savings Bank of Georgetown, D. C., for the election of a Board of Directors and any and all other business properly coming before the meeting, will be held at the principal office of the Company, in Alexandria, Virginia (being the office of James H. and Harry B. Caton, Attorneys), at three o'clock, p. m., on the 14th day of December, 1915.
10,11,13, J. Wm. BOGLEY,
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NOTICE.

Stockholders Meeting of the American Rutile Company of Virginia.
The annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the American Rutile Co., will be held at the office of the Company, No. 111 south Fairfax street, Alexandria, Virginia, on Monday the 3rd of January, 1916, from 12 o'clock noon to 1 o'clock p. m., for the election of directors, and for the transaction of such other business as can be lawfully considered.
The transfer books will be closed for 10 days prior to the 3rd day of January.
W. M. SLATER,
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ALBERT HARPER, Sec. & Treas.

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NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of The Home Savings Bank, of Washington, D. C., will be held at Hotel Fleischmann, in the city of Alexandria, Virginia, on Tuesday, the 14th, day of December, 1915, at 2:30 p. m. ALEX. S. CLARK, Secy.

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